Attacks on Journalists and Cameramen at Meham

1894. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported attacks on journalists and cameramen at Meham during the polling on 27th and 28th of February ;

(b) the number of journalists injured in the said incidents ; and

(c) the steps, if any, proposed to be taken to ensure security of journalists covering elections, demonstrations, etc. in future ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Full facts are being obtained from the State Government.

(c) Under the VII Schedule to the Constitution 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State Subjects. The primary responsibility for maintenance of law and order during elections thus directly devolves on the State Government.

कुल्लू टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज में एस०टी०डी० सुविधा का उपलब्ध कराया जाना

1895. **श्री सुशील बरोंगपा :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कुल्लू टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज से एस.टी.डी. सुविधा शुरू करने के लिए अभी तक कार्य शुरू नहीं किया गया है हांलाकि इसके लिए सभी आवश्यक उपकरण पिछली सरकार द्वारा उपलब्ध करा दिए गए थे, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) क्या सरकार इस कार्य को निकट भविष्य में पूरा करने या इसे लम्बित रखने का विचार रखती है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री, साथ में संचार मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री के०पी० उन्नीकृष्णन) : (क) जी, नहीं। यह सच नहीं है।

(ख) इनसैट-1डी के माध्यम से उपग्रह क्षमता के सुलभ होते ही इस कार्य को पूरा करने की योजना है।

Working of the Technology Mission on Communication

1896. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :—

(a) whether a Committee has been appointed to go into the working of the technological mission on communication headed by Shri Sam Patroda ; and

(b) if so, who are the members and the Committee's terms of reference ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) No committee has been appointed to go into the working of Technology Mission. However, a Committee has been set up to assess the working of C-DOT.

(b) The names of the Members of this Committee and its terms of reference are given in the Statement.

Statement

COPY OF NOTIFICATION

SUBJECT :- Constitution of an expert Committee for the assessment and evaluation of the Centre for Development of Telematics.

No. 1-1/90-TC. A high-level Expert Committee has been set up for the assessment and evaluation of the Centre for Development of Telematics. The Committee shall consist of the following :-

1.	Mr. K. P. P. Nambiar, former Secretary to Government of India in the Deptt. of Electronics and former Chairman of the Steering Committee of C-DOT.	Chairman
2.	Mr. V. M. Sundram, former Member (Technology) of the Telecom Board.	Member
3.	Mr. G. B. Meemamsi, Member (Tech.) Telecom Commission, and Executive Director C-DOT, New Delhi.	Member
4.	Mr. D. R. Mahajan, Director, C-DOT New Delhi . .	Member
5.	Mr. R. P. Shenoy (Distinguished Scientist) Aeronautical Development Establishment/Bangalore.	Member
6.	Mr. Y. Muthuswamy, General Manager (Production), DOT/ New Delhi.	Member
7.	Mr. T. H. Choudhary, Former Managing Director, Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited/Secunderabad.	Member
8.	Mr. R. K. Singh Director (Component) Department of Electronics Lok Nayak Bhavan/New Delhi.	Member
9.	Mr. M. S. Jayasimha Adviser ITI/Bangalore . . .	Member
10.	Dr. Sira G. Rao Director of Research ITI/Bangalore . .	Member
11.	Dr. Chalapati Rao Kasarbada Director Electronics Research and Development Centre (D.O.E.)/Trivandrum.	Member
12.	Mr.R.K.Bhatia Telecom District Manager Meerut, formerly Deputy Director (Switching) Telecom Research Centre.	Member
13.	Mr. M. A. Ramaswamy General Manager (Switching) DOT/ New Delhi.	Member Secretary

2. The terms of Reference of this Committee will be as follows :-

(i) To ascertain *by when C-DOT will develop a MAX* as per the technical specifications laid down by DOT in January 1985 in consultation with C-DOT.

(ii) To assess and evaluate steps taken by C-DOT for developing a MAX of traffic handling capacity and lines capacity as decided by the DOT.

(iii) To assess and evaluate steps taken by C-DOT for development of Digital Trunk Exchanges including Computerised Manual Trunk Exchanges as decided by the Telecom Commission in 1989.

(iv) To assess and evaluate the role and performance of external agencies in India and abroad to whom C-DOT has entrusted certain crucial and strategic jobs like the development and improvement of software and software tools.

(v) To assess and evaluate the technological adequacy of the designs employed in the C-DOT prototypes in relation to the state of the art of the present technology.

(vi) To assess and evaluate the work on development of C-DOT's two by-products i.e. *EPABX* and *RAX* and to suggest measures for improving the performance of Companies making these products which are reportedly operating at very low capacities.

(vii) To assess and evaluate the purchase and import procedures of C-DOT and the actual purchases and imports undertaken consequently.

(viii) To assess the reported brain drain from C-DOT and to suggest measures including possible incentives for retaining the existing researchers.

(ix) To suggest a strategy for speeding up indigenous development of MAX and other public switching systems for Data Facsimile and Video transmission.

(x) To suggest a plan for meeting the demand for such exchanges which will thereby fulfil the growing demands for telephone connections and telematic services from the public.

(xi) To suggest a technology-based plan for redeploying several thousands of employees of Indian Telephone Industries at Rai Bareilly and Bangalore Units who are fast becoming redundant as a result of the phasing out of the production of electro-mechanical exchanges and in the light of delays in the availability of C-DOT MAX for commercial production.

3. The Committee may seek the help of any other personnel or agencies in the discharge of its assignment. The report of the Committee is to be submitted by the 28th February, 1990.

4. The non-official members of the Committee would be entitled to travelling allowances as per Ministry of Finance O.M. No. F. 6(26)-E. IV/59 dated 5-9-1960 as amended from time to time and other facilities necessary for carrying out the assignment.

Harijan Welfare Board, Delhi Administration

1897. SHRI M. VINCENT : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 1276 and 39 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1985 and 23rd February, 1988 respectively and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Harijan Welfare Board had been functioning under the Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi Administration ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Board has been converted into Directorate of Welfare for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, Delhi Administration ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the staff of the Board was absorbed in the said Directorate ;

(d) whether Secretary of the Directorate has been appointed from outside affecting promotional avenues of the staff ;

(e) whether the post of Inspector (SC/ST) is still ex-cadre with no prospects of promotion to higher post commensurate with qualification and experience ; and

(f) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard and by when the same is likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. A separate Directorate for Welfare of SC/ST came into existence in 1983 and the Harijan Welfare Board is functioning under this Directorate.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The post is ex-cadre but has promotion avenues.

(f) Question does not arise.